

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/871,320 filed on May 30, 2001. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 are allowed. Claims 15-20 are rejected.

Rejection of Claim Under 35 USC §103

Claims 15, 16, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reece et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,893,037) in view of Erkkila et al (U.S. Patent No. 6, 219,560). Applicants have amended the Claims in a manner that further clarifies the distinctions between the claims and the cited references. Claims 15, 16, 18, and 19, as amended, distinguish over the references at least because the references do not disclose "a processor in the hosting device adapted to communicate an identifier to the digital camera that is used by the digital camera to define functionality and function of the hosting device and convert operation of a user interface in the digital camera from an interface specific to the digital camera to an interface specific to the identified hosting device." The cited references disclose nothing regarding a digital camera user interface or its operations. The cited references disclose nothing relating to conversion of such a user interface to a user interface for the hosting device.

Claims 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reece in view of Erkkila and Finelli (U.S. Patent No. 4,937,676). Applicants have amended the claims. Claims 17 and 20, as amended, distinguish over the references at least because the references do not disclose "a processor in the hosting device adapted to communicate an identifier to the digital camera that is used by the digital camera to define functionality and function of [a printer or CD writer] and convert operation of a user interface in the digital camera from an interface specific to the digital camera to an interface specific to the identified [a printer or CD writer]."

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all remaining claims are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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